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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
25X1A9a Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
Major Hession	Air Force
▮▮▮▮▮▮	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

2. The Committee approved a memorandum for the Secretariat, State-Defense Military Information Control Committee, recommending the release of recently produced NIS elements on the USSR and its satellites to the International Staff of SHAPE. Sixteen elements were recommended for release on a "Table" basis (all Staff Officers).

3. The Vice-Chairman requested the members of the Committee to state their requirements for additional unbound copies of the Special NIS. The State, Army, and Air Force members stated that they require no additional copies, and the Navy member asked that he be furnished with six extra copies.

4. The 25X1X7A Vice-Chairman referred to the question of releasing NIS Gazetteers ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ (See paragraph 3, NIS Committee Meeting No. 123 and paragraph 3, NIS Committee Meeting No. 124.) The Army and Navy members advised that their 25X1X7 agencies will interpose no objection to making the Gazetteers available ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ The State member said the matter was still under study in his agency, and that he would notify the Vice-Chairman directly when a decision is reached. 25X1X7 The Air Force member stated 25X1X7 that there are existing security agreements ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ which are applicable in this instance, and he recommended that the NIS Committee's formal reply to this question be limited to a statement that such agreements are in existence. The 25X1X7 Vice-Chairman pointed out that the question of release of the Gazetteers ▮▮▮▮▮ would be referred to the 25X1X7 CIA Security Staff for final determination since present restrictions on ▮▮▮ use of this material are contained in a CIA letter ▮▮▮▮▮ Since the NIS program is a joint operation the views of the NIS Committee on the question are desired for the purpose of appraising the CIA Security Staff of 25X1X7 the position of the IAC agencies with respect to releasing the NIS Gazetteers ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ After further discussion the Committee agreed to defer a decision on the matter so as to afford the Air Force and State Department members an opportunity to confer further with their respective agencies.

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5. The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of NIS Memorandum No. 15, and copies of an NIS Memorandum to recipients of the NIS, dated 28 February 1950, both of which related to the classification of the NIS. He stated that the many requests received for interpretation of these memoranda indicated a need for issuance of revised instructions to clear up the confusion that now seems to exist with respect to NIS classification requirements. Following a brief discussion, the Vice-Chairman requested the members to study the entire matter and make recommendations for such changes as they deemed necessary. The subject will be reopened for discussion at a later meeting.

6. The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of the proposed NIS production schedule for FY 1953, which provides for the production of 516 sections. He pointed out that a very heavy production schedule for the last half of FY 1952 had become effective on 1 January 1952, and that present indications were that the contributors would default on a considerable number of these NIS elements. A large carry-over of NIS sections from the FY 1952 schedule will, therefore, probably have to be rescheduled for production in FY 1953. The question of whether it would be advisable to defer action on the FY 1953 schedule until such time as the amount of carry-over could be determined was considered. It was the consensus of the Committee that it is necessary to get information to the contributors at this time regarding new production contemplated for FY 1953, since many of them must start making preparations now for production on new elements and new areas. Following a brief discussion the Committee approved the FY 1953 Production Schedule tentatively, subject to minor corrections. It was also agreed that the Committee would again review the schedule just prior to the start of FY 1953, with a view to making such adjustments as may be necessary to provide definite submission dates for unfulfilled FY 1952 commitments.

7. The Committee examined a chart showing the status of NIS production on all NIS areas, and discussed the possibility of completing production on certain areas that are now substantially complete. Consideration was then given to producing Chapter I (Brief) for one of these areas. It was agreed that all members would ascertain the views of their respective agencies with respect to the area considered must suitable for production of a Chapter I, and the matter will then be reopened for discussion.

8. The Vice-Chairman urged the members to exert every effort to maintain production schedules for February. The Army member stated that his agency will produce two sections from Chapter VIII on NIS areas 15 (Switzerland) and 27 (Turkey). The State member advised that it appears his agency will be able to make up the January defections. The Air Force member stated that his agency will produce two sections, and the Navy member said that his agency will produce seven sections.

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9. The Committee approved the proposal of the State Department that 25X6A be given special treatment with respect to ▓▓▓▓ (Refer to paragraph 8, NIS Committee Meeting No. 124.) Specifically, the approved proposal provides 25X6A for ▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓ to be treated in a special Supplement ▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓ The proposal of the Air Force member that the special supplement should also include the other ▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓ was taken under consideration.

10. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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